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Thursday - 9 March 1972 25X1 Made arrangements with Ed Braswell and Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to borrow a copy of 25X1A the testimony of before the Committee last Tuesday, 7 March, on the Southeast Asia free world forces 25X1 Called Representative Les Aspin in response to his letter to the Director requesting a briefing on Soviet naval matters. See Memo for Record. 25X1 Discussed above with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who appreciated our problem and reiterated that the briefing should be coordinated with the Committee. 25X1 The Special Subcommittee on Intelligence of the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.), continued their hearings on H.R. 9853 concerning the classification and protection of information vital to the national security. Witnesses were Mr. Joseph Liebling, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Security Policy), and Mr. Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense. Mr. Liebling provided a statement on those actions taken by the DOD to better their security program and to project future actions to meet the

objectives of the new Executive Order on classification and declassification which was issued yesterday. The Subcommittee continued their detailed questioning of Mr. Buzhardt concerning Department of Defense security policy and other matters in his statement. Mr. William Blair, Assistant

Secretary of State, is scheduled to testify tomorrow. Mr. Ralph E. Erickson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, is scheduled to testify on Monday, 13 March. He will undoubtedly be questioned in detail on the new Executive Order since the Department of Justice is responsible for

interpreting the Order.